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reads as follows: "All baggage from infected Mexican ports to ports not infected shall be fumigated before embarkation," will be enforced in Vera Cruz this summer.

The majority of all passengers from here to Havana and New York are carried by the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company (Ward Line). This is the only American line out of Vera Cruz and it is the only one that does not carry a physician aboard. Section 5 of act August 2, 1882. of the Navigation Laws of the United States should be strictly enforced on these steamers. If there was a competent surgeon aboard these vessels the danger of infection would be reduced to a minimum.

I will have my report of my trip through Central America finished in a few days and will then send it on.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NETHERLANDS.

Report from Rotterdam.

ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, *April 17, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions of the Service at this port for the week ended April 14, 1900: Five vessels were inspected and received bills of health. The steamship *Statendam* sailed the 12th instant, carrying 75 cabin and 319 steerage passengers. One hundred and fifty-seven pieces of baggage were inspected and 63 pieces disinfected. There were 63 bales of disinfected rags in her cargo. The health of the port of Rotterdam continues good.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Concerning unlabeled baggage.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *April 16, 1900.*

SIR: Referring to your letter of April 3, 1900 (R. M. W., F. L. G.), advising me of Assistant Surgeon Anderson's fear that unlabeled baggage is being smuggled aboard vessels sailing from Spain for this and other ports and his belief that disinfection of all unlabeled baggage at ports of destination would do much toward stopping this practice, I have the honor to inform you that we are making rigid inspections of all baggage from Spanish ports.

We find steerage baggage very generally labeled, and when not found labeled we had reason to believe in nearly every case that the labels had been torn off in handling. Cabin baggage is arriving unlabeled.

All steerage passengers invariably have inspection cards; some cabin passengers are supplied with them, others are not. The practice in this respect is not uniform at the several ports of embarkation.

Respectfully,

C. H. LAVINDER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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